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SUBJECT: ENGLISH-VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE MATERIALS FOR VIETNAMESE
REFUGEES

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1. APPROXIMATELY 800 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN MALAYSIA NOW
AWAIT DECISIONS CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY TO US
AND THIRD COUNTRIES. MEANWHILE, THEY LIVE IN CAMPS
PROVIDED BY GOM IN KELANTAN, TRENGGANU, PAHANG;
SARAWAK AND SABAH. ALTHOUGH MOST REFUGEES NEITHER
SPEAK NOR READ ENGLISH, MANY WILL POSSIBLY BE RESETTLED
IN ENGLISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES, E.G. AUSTRALIA, CANADA,
U.S., SOME HAVE BEEN IN MALAYSIA OVER 6 MONTHS AND
PROSPECTS ARE THEY WILL BE HERE EVEN LONGER. ALL CAPMS
HAVE SOME REFUGEES FLUENT IN ENGLISH WHO COULD INSTRUCT
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NON ENGLISH-SPEAKERS, BUT NEED SIMPLE READING MATTER.

2. RSC MANILA LACKS SUITABLE MATERIALS. (REF. A)

3. POST PROPOSES D/HA, WORKING WIT USIA, DETERMINE
WHETHER THERE ARE STOCKS OF VIETNAMESE-ENGLISH TEACHING
MATERIALS (ESPECIALLY ELEMENTARY VIETNAMESE OR CHINESE-

ENGLISH READERS OR DICTIONARIES) WHICH CAN BE MADE
AVAILABLE TO REFUGEES IN REGION. ASSUMING SUCH
MATERIALS EXTENT AND RETRIEVABLE. COST-SHARING AMONG
POSTS A POSSIBILITY.

4. USIS AND EMBASSY EMPLOYEES HAVE DISTRIBUTED SOME READING
MATERIALS TO REFUGEES THROUGH MALAYSIAN RED CRESCENT.
POST PLANS SUGGEST TO UNHCR PURCHASE BASIC ENGLISH
TEXTS LOCALLY. VIETNAMESE-LANGUAGE MATERIALS HOWEVER WOULD
BE MORE VALUABLE FOR REFUGEES.

5. PLEASE ADVISE US OF AVAILABILITY VIETNAMESE-LANGUAGE MATERIALS
AND POSSIBILITY OF DISTRIBUTION TO MALAYSIA AND OTHER
POST IF THEY CONCUR.DILLON

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